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- See attached sheet for names and addresses of additional inventors (if any).
- This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(4). Please delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
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The above identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including all previously entered amendments and the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

Note: If prior application is not to be abandoned, then the form for 37 CFR 1.53(b) should be used.

 $\frac{x}{1.116}$. Enter the amendment previously filed on July 17, 2002 under 37 CFR 1.116, in the prior application.

2. __ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

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- a. X A check in the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed.
- b. __ The filing fee to be paid later with surcharge.
- 5. a. X Priority of foreign Application No. P10-246407 filed on August 31, 1998 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
 - b. X A certified copy of said foreign priority application was filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. 09/530,290 filed April 27, 2000. Acknowledgement thereof is requested.
- 6. X The prior application is assigned of record to Sony Corporation by virtue of an Assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 27, 2000, at Reel 010824, Frame 0347.
- 7. __ Original title and original applicant(s) of prior U.S. application, if different from above:
- 8. X This application is being filed within the first month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor in the prior application. This is a petition to request a one-month extension of time. A check (\$110.00) covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

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